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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ms. Yee
	United Republic of Tanzania	Mrs. Taj
	United States of America	Mr. Brencick

Agenda

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

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The meeting was called to order at 12.50 p.m.

Expression of condolences

The President: At the outset, I should like, on behalf of the members of the Security Council, to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of the terrorist attacks that took place in Indonesia on 1 October 2005.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of October, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Lauro Baja Jr., Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of September 2005. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Baja for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Indonesia in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jenie (Indonesia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist bombing that took place in Bali, Indonesia, on 1 October 2005, which has again fallen victim to a heinous act of terrorism.

"The Security Council expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of these attacks and their families, and to the people and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

"The Security Council underlines the need to bring the perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these intolerable acts to justice, and urges all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and resolution 1373 (2001), to cooperate with and provide support and assistance, as appropriate, to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in this regard.

"The Security Council reaffirms that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

"The Security Council further reaffirms the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

"The Security Council reiterates its determination to combat all forms of terrorism, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations."

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I give the floor to the representative of Indonesia.

Mr. Jenie (Indonesia): Let me express the full appreciation of the Government and the people of Indonesia for the recognition and prompt attention that has been paid by the Security Council to the tragic bombings in Bali last Saturday. We are mindful of this concern for the tragic and senseless attacks on ordinary people leading ordinary lives.

Let me also take this opportunity to express the condolences of the Government of Indonesia to those families and nations that lost people in the brutal attacks of the weekend.

In condemning the latest Bali attacks, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono stressed that they were "clearly acts of terrorism because the victims were indiscriminately chosen and the targets were public areas". All of Indonesia is understandably horrified by this brutal tragedy, which is being speedily investigated. The perpetrators will be made to account for their actions.

Let me make one point very clear. The Government of Indonesia will not be derailed in its efforts to create an open, democratic society. We will not be blackmailed or scared away from our efforts to enhance development. We will not succumb to terrorism or to any other kind of organized crime. We will continue to cooperate with other nations which are working hard to develop a comprehensive response to terrorism. We know that, in the end, terrorism will be defeated.

As for Bali, we know that its status as a front-line tourist destination will not change or be destroyed by terrorists hoping to scare visitors away. Bali will recover, it will continue to grow, and it will continue to receive visitors from all over the world. We will work hard on this front.

Finally, let me restate the belief of the Government of Indonesia that our approach to combating terrorism should include efforts to win the hearts and minds of the people. We must enhance efforts to promote tolerance and peaceful coexistence by empowering the moderates of our society.

The President: The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.